IN THE CLAIMS

For the Examiner's convenience, all pending claims are presented below.

1. – 91. (Cancelled)

92. (Original) A method comprising:

obtaining an estimation of a low bit rate entropy distribution from a high bit rate granular entropy distribution using information obtained from a header of a compressed bitstream; and

applying one or more image processing operations.

- 93. (Original) The method defined in Claim 92 wherein obtaining the estimation comprises extracting information from a first plurality of layers and ignoring packets in layers other than the first plurality of layers.
- 94. (Original) The method defined in Claim 92 further comprising determining an order in which bits are allocated.
- 95. (Previously Presented) The method defined in Claim 92 wherein the high bit rate distribution is a lossy compression.
- 96. (Original) The method defined in Claim 92 wherein the high bit rate distribution is a lossless distribution.

97. (Previously Presented) An apparatus comprising:

means for obtaining an estimation of a low bit rate entropy distribution from a high bit rate granular entropy distribution using information obtained from a header of a compressed bitstream; and

means for applying one or more image processing operations.

- 98. (Previously Presented) The apparatus defined in Claim 97 wherein means for obtaining the estimation comprises means for extracting information from a first plurality of layers and ignoring packets in layers other than the first plurality of layers.
- 99. (Previously Presented) The apparatus defined in Claim 97 further comprising means for determining an order in which bits are allocated.
- 100. (Previously Presented) The apparatus defined in Claim 97 wherein the high bit rate distribution is a lossy compression.
- 101. (Previously Presented) The apparatus defined in Claim 97 wherein the high bit rate distribution is a lossless distribution.
- 102. (Previously Presented) An article of manufacture having one or more recordable medium with executable instructions stored thereon which, when executed by a system, cause the system to:

obtain an estimation of a low bit rate entropy distribution from a high bit rate granular entropy distribution using information obtained from a header of a compressed bitstream; and

apply one or more image processing operations.

- 103. (Previously Presented) The article of manufacture defined in Claim 102, further comprising instructions to obtain the estimation including instructions to extract information from a first plurality of layers and ignore packets in layers other than the first plurality of layers.
- 104. (Previously Presented) The article of manufacture defined in Claim 102 further comprises instructions to determe an order in which bits are allocated.
- 105. (Previously Presented) The article of manufacture defined in Claim 102 wherein the high bit rate distribution is a lossy compression.
- 106. (Previously Presented) The article of manufacture defined in Claim 102 wherein the high bit rate distribution is a lossless distribution.